

ROBERT W. CAULK.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 664.]

JANUARY 10, 1857.

Mr. WELCH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Robert W. Caulk, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report :

The petitioner states that he was a first-class fireman on board the United States steam-frigate Mississippi during the late war with the republic of Mexico ; that while acting in the line of his duty at the bombardment of Vera Cruz he received a wound causing a rupture, and resulting in total disability ; that before making application for an invalid pension, he established the fact of having been so disabled, and was granted a pension at the rate of six dollars per month. He represents that he has a family depending upon him for support, and that he is totally disabled, in consequence of said injury, from performing manual labor, and has no means whatever, except the small pension granted him, as above stated, which is inadequate to afford him a support. He asks that his pension may be increased to twenty dollars per month.

The facts set forth in the petition are certified by the officers on duty at the navy yard in Washington, who strongly appeal to the liberality of Congress in behalf of the petitioner.

Your committee, convinced that the case is meritorious, and that relief should be extended to the petitioner, ask leave to report the accompanying bill.

